

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : TERASHIMA et al.
Serial No. : 08/964,257
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Filed : November 4, 1997
For : APPARATUS EQUIPPED...
Art Unit : 2622
Examiner : M. Nguyen
Dated : April 18, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

The Office Action dated October 18, 2005 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired on January 18, 2006.

Since the attached response is being filed within the six (6) month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$1020 (fee code 1253) to the representative deposit account 13-0410 .

Respectfully submitted
for Applicant(s),



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